

REMARKS

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the substitute specification filed on April 21, 2003 does not conform to 37 CFR 1.125(b). A clean copy of the substitute specification is enclosed herewith. The Applicant respectfully submits that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

In section 4, the Examiner suggests amending "a transfer" to --their transfer-- at claim 1, line 16 and amending "where" to --wherein-- at claim 1, line 20. Claim 1 has been amended accordingly.

In sections 5-6, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, asserting that certain limitations recited by claim 1 are unclear. To facilitate the prosecution, the Applicant has amended those limitations for clarifying purpose. In particular, the limitation "obtaining thermoformed objects each formed with at least three stacking protrusions or spacers having same space arrangement in each thermoformed object" has been amended to "obtaining thermoformed objects each formed with at least three stacking protrusions or spacers arranged in a same pattern on the bottom of each thermoformed object"; the limitation "at least one stacking protrusion or spacer of a same thermoformed object being located in a non specular symmetric way with respect to at least a centre line of the respective thermoformed object and at a distance from the same centre line different from that of the other protrusions or spacers" has been amended to "at least one stacking protrusion or spacer being located in such a way as to be out of symmetry with respect to other stacking protrusions with respect to at a centre line (m-m)"; and the limitation "arranging one of said thermoformed objects in at least one support template to keep them in order according to the space arrangement" has been amended to "arranging said thermoformed objects on a support template to keep them in order". The Applicant believes that this rejection has been overcome.

The Applicant has attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicant understands them. The Applicant believes that all claims are patentable and that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasperry.com.

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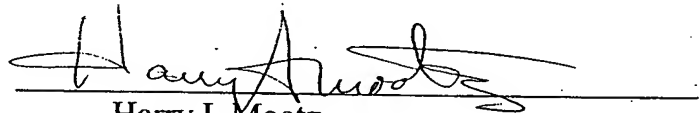
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